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To Mr. BAVIUS, Secretary to the Society of Grub-ſtreet.

SIR.

WIthout any regard to chronological order, I now ſend you my remarks on a tragedy called CÆLIA, or *The perjured Lover*, the firſt new play, which was acted this ſeaſon: and I intreat you to obſerve, throughout my correſpondence with you on theſe ſubjects, that my chief intent is to ſhew how inſufficient the preſent managers of Drury-lane play-houſe are to diſcharge their truſt, as directors of our publie entertainments.

The fable of CÆLIA is this: A young lady, of modeſt education and diſpoſition is deluded from her father's houſe, by a gentleman, who had been hoſpitably entertained there. He makes vows of fidelity, and breaks thoſe vows; the indiſcreet, and ruined beauty is with child; the ſpark grows ſatiated with his luſcious banquet, and caſts her off. But obſerve, how this ſtain of honour, this man of modern gallantry, rids himſelf of what is now a burthen to him, and what he had gained with a thouſand imprecations. He tells her, that he has provided a commodious lodging for her, in the houſe of a worthy woman of his acquaintance, who is to have the care of her in her pregnancy and lying-in: and who does this worthy woman prove, but a notorious bawd? As ſoon as ſhe is ſettled in this infamous houſe, attempts are made upon her chaſtity; which, tho' once violated, ſhe refuſes, againſt all importunities, to proſtitute to any ſecond violator. While ſhe is in this unhappy ſituation, her father's ſteward finds her out; and a pathetical ſcene is introduced betwixt them; he leaves her a while, with the promiſe of a quick return, to free her from that houſe of ſhame: but, before he comes back, behold the modeſt, and afflicted creature, hurried with common proſtitutes to Bridewell. After ſhe is gone, the ſteward returns with her father; and at the door of the bawdy-houſe they are informed of what had happened. Here conceive in your mind the diſtreſsful image of an affectionate father, on the receipt of ſuch intelligence. While theſe tranſactions are paſſing, the ſpoiler of beauty and virtue is boaſting of his ſucceſsful villainy, which he miſcalls gallantry; but is artfully, and ſeverely reprehended by an acquaintance, who is a man of probity, and who had formerly been an honourable ſuitor to CÆLIA. The father goes with his ſteward to Bridewell, in ſearch of his loſt daughter; where they find her forlornly layed on the floor, with ſome courſe, ordinary ſtuff under her, to keep her from the bare ground. Now frame to yourſelf an image of diſtreſs, which cannot be ſo ſenſibly felt by any, as by thoſe who have experienced the tenderneſs of a virtuous lover, and of a parent. The father, with heavy heart and weeping eyes, takes her in his arms, tells her a ſad tale of the death of her mother, who dyed with grief for the loſs of her; and promiſes the continuance of his paternal care and affection to her. In the mean while, a meſſenger enters and relates an account of a duel betwixt the wretch who had ruined CÆLIA, and her former honourable lover, in which the guilty fell; ſoon after which relation CÆLIA expires in her father's arms.

This, Sir, is the melancholy ſtory, on which the tragedy of CÆLIA is founded: a fable which, in the hands of a genius, might have been wrought into a play, that would have proved the ſucceſsful ſcourge of ſome of thoſe vices and follies, which are in every age the ruin of thouſands. This play has none of thoſe poetical beauties which can poſſibly make ſuch an impreſſion in the mind, as to render it, if I may be allowed to call it ſo, the reſidence of any particular ſpeeches. The author followed nature, without cloathing her in that poetical dreſs, which allures the fancy: the diction is ſuch, as cannot move much more, than an accurate relation of the tale by a ſingle perſon. Notwithſtanding which, and ſome unskilful incidents in it, the late Mrs. CIBBER went through the part of CÆLIA ſo pathetically, that ſhe drew tears from *eyes unuſed to the melting mood*. This is the laſt character which that agreeable actreſs performed on the ſtage.

Here, Sir, give me leave to make ſome few obſervations, which may probably convince thoſe of their error, who think a mere purſuit of nature all that is requiſite in dramatic poetry. The tragedy under my preſent conſideration is a proof, that ſomething more is neceſſary than barely that; whether the end of the poet be admiration, or the advancement of virtue. The ſtory of CÆLIA is itſelf very moving; but no body, I believe, can remember one ſpeech in the play: whereas, if the diction was truly poetical, ſeveral paſſages would make ſuch an impreſſion in the minds of the readers, that they would, on particular occaſions, recollect them, and apply them often; which application might very likely be attended with advantages. —As example enforces precept, I will uſe it here. I do not remember any point of time for ſeveral years paſſed, in which I have been ſo unfortunate, as, for the ſake of company, to diſcompoſe myſelf by liquor, that I did not, the next morning, recollect theſe words in SHAKESPEARE'S *Othello*: "O that men ſhould put an enemy in their "mouths, to ſteal away their brains!" Strip this paſſage of the metaphor, and what will be in it worthy remembrance? If SHAKESPEARE had ſayed, that the effect of intemperate drinking is the impairing our ſenſes, every rational man would have acknowledged the truth, but have found nothing in the ſentiment worthy admiration. The efficacy of true poetry is ſuch (tho' to very few, excepting perſons of fine taſte) that it even forces itſelf on the mind, whether any uſeful doctrine be conveyed in it or not; as in theſe beautiful lines of SHAKESPEARE in *Othello*:

Not poppy, nor mandragora,
Nor all the drouſy ſyrups of the world,
Shall ever med'cine thee to that ſweet ſleep,
Which thou ow'dſt yeſterday.

What is it that raiſes our admiration here? The beautiful arrangement of words, and the elegant uſe that is made of the two verbs *med'cine* and *ow'dſt*, the latter of which places OTHELLO as debtor to the former day.

The following lines, in LEE's *Maſſacre of Paris*, have never, ſince I firſt read them, been ſo abſent from my mind, that I could not recollect them, without looking into the play.

Ceaſe, MARMOUTIER, *the torrent of thy tears;*
Which, when I ſtrive to climb the hill of honour,
Waſhes my hold away.

What a charming aſſemblage of ideas is here! If LEE had ſay'd, *Ceaſe,* MARMOUTIER, *thy tears, which obſtruct my views of ambition*, I queſtion, whether the words, or ſentiments, had dwelt in the memory of any one: but the ſtrong image, conveyed in ſo maſterly a manner, of a perſon climbing a hill, and having his hold waſhed away by a torrent, and that image applied, by ſimilitude, to the tears of MARMOUTIER obſtructing the ambitious views of the duke of GUISE, is what muſt make a laſting impreſſion in the mind of every perſon of taſte.

My memory now furniſhes me with many more inſtances, ancient and modern, which would illuſtrate the truth of what I aſſert, concerning the neceſſity of ſomething more than a mere purſuit of nature in dramatic poetry; but theſe I think ſufficient. And if the efficacy of poetry is ſuch, as almoſt to force a remembrance of paſſages, in which no uſeful doctrine is contained; how advantageous muſt it be, when called to the aſſiſtance of virtue! In this ſenſe HORACE ſays of poetry, Ep. B. II. E. 1.

Pectus præceptis format amicis,
Aſperitatis & invidiæ corrector & iræ;
Recte facta refert; orientia tempora notis
Inſtruit exemplis; inopem ſolatur & ægrum.

HORACE here utters a plain truth concerning the force of poetry, in elegant Latin, and good metre, without any of thoſe extraordinary excellencies which are frequent in his odes, and to be found in his other pieces.—I doubt not of demonſtrating hereafter in what taſte conſiſts: but of this no more at preſent. Men of taſte muſt judge of what I advance; and to ſuch only what I have ſay'd of taſte is directed. I dare ſay, Mr. BAVIUS, that not two of the managers of Drury-Lane play-houſe, (in which I include the Laureat, who is ſuppoſed to act behind the curtain,) nor many of their authors, know any more of what I have been ſaying about taſte, than if I had written in Latin. I ſay, not two of the managers, which, with the Laureat, are five: who he is, whom I now except, will afterwards appear.

Let us now return to CÆLIA; which, having more merit, or, to ſpeak more properly, having fewer abſurdities in it, than thoſe *things*, of which I ſpoke in two preceding letters, was denied, by the determination of the managers then directing, a ſecond appearance on the ſtage, tho' it was not exploded in the repreſentation, a twentieth part ſo much as the other two; and, I am inclined to think, pleaſed more perſons than it offended.

The author of this tragedy intitled it, *The deluded maid*, but the Laureat propoſed to have it called *Maidens beware*; which, by the advice of Mr. BOOTH, was rejected, as more proper for Bartholomew-fair: but rather than the title ſhould remain in the author's unaffected ſimplicity, it was agreed, that it ſhould be called CÆLIA, or, *The perjured lover*.

I will here offer a word of admonition to that eminent, poetical merchant, Mr. WATTS; who, when he adverti ſes CÆLIA, adds N.B. *This play is founded on a true tragical ſtory in common life*. This may be, and yet the play never the better for it; the N.B. therefore is only regarded as a puff. I was once in company, when one captain C—ST—R took an occaſion to tell a long dull ſtory; and, ſeeing the company not affected by it, he looked round, and ſolemnly proteſted, that every circumſtance of it was true. Yes, ſaid Mr. A.H. facetiouſly, that may be; but I love lying ſometimes, becauſe it makes me laugh.

I am, Sir,

Feb. 26. 1732-3. Your ſincere humble ſervant,

SOME-BODY.

Mr. BAVIUS,

IN the *London Journal, Jan.* 6. I was highly pleaſed to meet with the following aſſertion ſtrenuouſly maintained by the ſolid Mr. OSBORNE: "'Tis ſo far from being "true, that tyranny is better than anarchy; or a ſtate of "arbitrary power and lawleſs will preferable to a ſtate of "nature; that a ſtate of nature is infinitely preferable to "tyranny and arbitrary power." This, ſo learnedly exemplified by the caſe of the Indians, could not but confirm me in the favourable opinion, which I had long entertained, of the natural ſtate of anarchy. But, to my great ſurprize, I found this aſſertion directly contradicted laſt ſaturday, by Mr. CARUS, an eminent writer in the *Daily Courant*. He ſays plainly, with a viſible glance, I think, at Mr. OSBORNE, "A ſober man cannot but, on the ſlighteſt "recollection, pronounce his approbation, rather of any "kind of government, than of a total want of all."—All the world knows Mr. OSBORNE to be *a ſober-thinking man*, continually given to *recollection*: upon which, it ſeems, Mr. CARUS here expects, that he ſhould publicly *pronounce his approbation* of the contrary opinion to that which he has aſſerted. If he ſhould happen to do ſo, it will put me upon *recollection* too: but if not, I ſhall rather think, that Mr. CARUS, tho' a very curious and impartial ſearcher after truth, out of too much modeſty, pays a greater deference to opinions commonly received, than he ought to do. However, in the mean while, I wiſh, that Mr. MEANWELL, his fellow-labourer in the *Courant*, who certainly is not chargeable with any ſuch imputation, would be pleaſed to reconcile the ſeeming contradiction between thoſe two great writers. In doing this, he will not, to be ſure, "follow the track of our reverend divines, (as he expreſſes "himſelf *Mar.* 1.) in reconciling prophecies, and unfold-"ing myſteries;" leſt *politicks* ſhould have no *better luck* than *divinity* from ſuch a conduct. For if it be reaſonable to infer, from the various explications of prophecies and myſteries by *reverend divines*, that all revealed religion is an impoſture; it is full as reaſonable to conclude, from the different and contradictory opinions of *irreverend politicians*, about the various forms and myſteries of civil polity, that all government is an impoſition upon the reaſon, and an uſurpation upon the liberty of mankind.

I am your humble ſervant,

Mar. 1. 1732-3. D.P.

EPIGRAM.

WHen patriots ſtrike at palace, or at ſteeple,
They beg the help of all good Chriſtian people;
Whoſe virtue, ſenſe, and pow'r are highly prais'd:
For, and by them, all kings to thrones are rais'd;
By them depos'd, when, ſlaves to their own will,
They break their ſacred oaths, and govern ill.
When, thus cajol'd, they've done their leaders job,
Pow'r, ſenſe, and virtue gone, they're chang'd to mob:
Like beaſts of burthen now once more regarded,
And with a double load their backs rewarded.
Thus GENERAL NOLL eſpous'd the people's cauſe,
The cauſe of liberty, religion, laws:
Dear, ancient rights, ſecur'd by *Magna Charta*:
But NOLL PROTECTOR call'd it *Magna F——*

MAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.* | S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.* | W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.* | L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.* | D A. *Daily Advertiſer.*

THURSDAY, *March* 1. On Feb 26th the right hon. the earl of Pembroke, &c. was choſen lord high ſteward of Salisbury, in the room of the late earl. *L E.* —— Geo. Crowle Eſq; one of the commiſſioners of the victualling-office, is re-choſen member for Kingſton upon Hull. *D J.*

Yeſterday the truſtees for the colony of Georgia received advice, that James Oglethorp Eſq; with the paſſengers on board the Anne, ſafely arrived at Charles-town Jan. 13. and ſet ſail the next day for Port-royal. *S J.* —— They loſt only two children in their voyage. *L E.* — *This may be looked upon as a good preſage of the* colony's *ſucceſs.*

The borough of Cockermouth has ſent a letter to their repreſentatives againſt the extenſion of the exciſe. *S J.*

The high way-man, who robbed Mr. Peters on monday night at Hyde-park-corner, being very drunk, rode into the half-way houſe between Knights-bridge and Kenſington, where he was taken, with Mr. Peters's ring, &c. upon him. His name is Will. Gordon, a butcher, who formerly kept the bull head ale-houſe in Leaden-hall market. He is one of the moſt remarkable fellows in his way, that has been taken for many years. *L E.*—— Informations are coming hourly againſt him. *D P.*

There is a report about town, that col. Keith, brother to the late earl marſhal of Scotland, who was in the rebellion 1715, was marry'd to a NORTHERN PRINCESS. *L E.*

Laſt week Edw. Cope Hopton Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Richard Eſq; of Cannon-Frome in Herefordſhire, was married to Miſs Brigenſhaw, a young lady of 30,000 l. fortune. *C. D A.*

On monday died at S. Alban's, in his 92d year, Sir Chriſtopher Lawſon Knt. formerly a great Weſt-India merchant at Lynn; worth 130,000 l. the bulk of which he has left to charitable uſes. *D P.* — Yeſterday morning Mr. James Pinfold, deputy-regiſter of the high court of Delegates, and a proctor in the Arches. *C. D P. D A.* — Mr. Smith is made deputy-regiſter in his room. *D J. Mar.* 6.

Chriſtened males 183: females 182: in all 365.—Buried males 326: females 287: in all 613.—— Increaſed in the burials this week 22. *S J. W E. L E.*

Hyp-oratorial advertiſements and puffs born and buried in February.—Hyp-advertiſements 7. Oratorial ditto 11. In all 18.—Hyp-puffs 3. Oratorial ditto 3. In all 6.—Decreaſed in the puffs this month 4.—Mr. ORATOR, *tho' as much* puffed up *as ever, could not, by reaſon of a cold,* puff out *ſo well this month.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 2. Yeſterday being the birth-day of her majeſty, there was the moſt ſplendid appearance at court, *as* has been known on the like occaſion, &c. *C.*—More numerous and ſpendid, than has been known for ſeveral years. *P.* — That ever was ſeen. *D A.* — When her majeſty entered into her 51ſt year. *D P.*—Their majeſties, and the royal family, wore leeks in honour of the day. *D J.*—His grace the duke of Newcaſtle, and the right hon. the lord Harrington, the principal ſecretaries of ſtate, gave grand entertainments; the former to the foreign miniſters of the ſouthern province, and the latter to thoſe of the northern. *D J. D A.*

The ſame day the ſociety of ancient Britons, according to annual cuſtom, heard a ſermon at S. Brides, preached by the reverend Mr. Pugh, of St. Margaret Patten's; and proceeded in a decent manner to merchant-taylors hall, where a ſumptuous dinner was provided, and the collection at the baſon was very bountiful. C. — 30 l. 11 s. 6 d. collected for putting out Welch children apprentices. *D A.* — Being S. David's day, the titular ſaint of Wales. — *P.* —Tutelar ſaint. *D P. D A.*

A few days ſince died Tho. Wright Eſq; formerly a water gilder; who has left 500 l. per ann. to a poor woman his relation, and 300 l. to three charity-ſchools. *D P.* — On tueſday at Baſingſtoke Will. Blunden Eſq; poſſeſſed of a very great eſtate. *P. D P. D J.* — On wedneſday at Hackney Sam. Bulkly Eſq; *D P.* — In Hanover-ſquare major Robinſon. *P.* —— Yeſterday at Newington Mr. Warren, an eminent Weſt-India merchant. *D P. D J. D A.*

SATURDAY, *Mar* 3. Miſs Sarah Pit, third daughter of the late Geo. Pit, of Shroton in Dorſetſhire Eſq; was yeſterday appointed a maid of honour to her majeſty, in the room of Mrs. Poyntz. *D P.* —— The apartments at S. James's, in which the prince at preſent reſides, are ordered to be rebuilt after a magnificent manner for his royal highneſs the duke. *D A.* — The death of the king of Poland hath not yet been notified in form to this court. *S J. L E.*

Laſt ſaturday Euſtace Budgell Eſq; was admitted a free-maſon, at the ſun tavern in Fleet-ſtreet: as was on ſunday laſt in the evening, Mr. Orator Henley, at the bear and harrow in the Butcher-row without Temple bar. *L E.* — *As the gentleman of the* law *was initiated into the* myſteries *of* Maſonry *on the* Jewiſh *ſabbath, the burleſque* orator *of the* goſpel *was initiated on the* Chriſtian: *but the place and ſign, in the latter caſe, had the greater propriety,* the butcher-row, bear, and harrow, *being lively emblems of his uſual* auditory, action, *and* elocution.

The borough of Woodſtock has ſent a letter to Mr. John Spencer one of their repreſentatives, againſt any new exciſe. *L E.*

An expreſs is gone to Durham with advice to Geo. Robertown Eſq; (whoſe father was interpreter to the late king George) that a French gentleman, lately dead in the Weſt-Indies, has left him 30,000 l. ſterling. *D P.*

Yeſterday morning died at Hogſdon Tho. Broom Eſq; formerly an eminent Hamburgh merchant. *C. D P.* — This morning at Little Chelſea, Capt. Frome, an old experienced officer. *W E.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 5. Yeſterday the right rev. the lord biſhop of Hereford preached before their majeſties, his royal highneſs the prince, and the three eldeſt princeſſes, &c. *C. D J. D A.* — His majeſty has been pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious pardon to any one who ſhall diſcover any perſon concerned in the murder of Mrs. Duncomb, &c. and the two ſocieties of the Temple offer to the perſon making ſuch diſcovery 100 l. reward for each perſon convicted. *C.* &c.

Laſt thurſday landed at Dover from Calais John Thompſon, and arrived in town on ſaturday, in order to ſurrender himſelf. *D P.*

Yeſterday upwards of 100 freemen of Cheſter went on board a veſſel in the river, in order to give their votes at the enſuing election *D P.*

Laſt Friday ſen'night, the corn-mills at Denington near Newbury were ſet on fire, which conſumed the ſame, and two tenements adjacent. *D P.*

Laſt monday died at Bath the lady Wilſon, relict of Sir Thomas, who was ſaid to have died worth 50,000 l. Her eſtate devolves upon her nephew Tho. Peiling Eſq; a young gentleman in his 19th year, on his ſtudies at Naples. *D P.*— *My* brother, *I ſuppoſe meant* travels; *betwixt which and* ſtudies *there is ſome ſmall difference*

Laſt thurſday died, in his 116th year, —— Gundy Eſq; at Mr. Lynn's near Hyde-park-corner, reputed worth upwards of 10,000 l. the bulk of which, and 100 l. *per ann.* he has left to Mr. Lynn for his great diligence and attendance on him for ſeveral years. *P.*

We hear from Nottingham, that a barbarous murder and robbery was committed near that town, on the body of a young woman of about 17 years of age: as ſhe was going towards Nottingham to ſervice, with a little bundle of cloths and a banbox under her arm, ſhe was met in a field by a tinker and his wife, who robbed her of all her clothes, ſtripped her quite naked, bound her hand and foot to a tree, and then moſt inhumanly ſet their dog on her, who tore her in a miſerable manner in ſeveral parts of her body, and one of her breaſts almoſt off, and left her in that deplorable condition: ſhe was diſcovered by a gentleman who was riding by in a ſhort time after; he ſeeing the dog at a diſtance, thought he had been worrying of ſheep; but when he came up to the place, to his great aſtoniſhment found the poor creature in the manner before-mentioned: whereupon he diſmounted, unbound her, and covered her with his great coat, there being but ſmall ſymptoms of life remaining in her: he then whipped the dog, mounted his horſe, and followed him; and at about half a mile diſtance the dog went into a publick houſe on the road; the woman being at the door, the gentleman asked her if that was her dog, ſaying he would make a good companion on the road, and if ſhe'd part with him, he would purchaſe him: the woman told him the dog was not hers, but belonged to two people that were in the next room. The gentleman deſired them to put up his horſe, and called for a perſon to carry a meſſage to Nottingham, which was about half a mile off: having diſpatched the meſſenger to an officer in the town to come to him immediately; he went into the room, and kept the tinker and his wife in talk, asking him if he would part with his dog; who told the gentleman he would not upon any terms whatever; for he being obliged to travel the country, the dog (he ſaid) was the greateſt ſafeguard he had. Soon after the meſſenger returned with the officer, and coming into the room, the gentleman charged him with the two perſons for the aforeſaid murder: whereupon they were immediately carried before a magiſtrate at Nottingham, and examined, (the bundle and box being found upon them) who committed them to goal, in order to take their trial for the ſame at the enſuing Aſſizes. The young woman died in leſs than an hour after. 'Tis ſaid the woman has confeſſed the fact. *C. D P.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 6. Yeſterday notice was given to all the peers, peereſſes, and privy-counſellors, that the court goes into mourning on ſunday next, viz. The men to wear black clothes, black ſwords and buckles, with plain or fringed linen: the ladies black ſilk or velvet, black and white fans, with plain or fringed linen. *D P.*

On ſaturday Mr. John Thompſon was ſeveral hours under examination before the committee of the houſe of commons, at the charitable corporation-houſe in Spring-gardens. *D P.*—Eight hours. *D J.*

Yeſterday eight malefactors were executed at Tyburn: two of their bodies were delivered to the ſurgeons. *C.*

On tueſday the aſſizes ended at Hertford, where no perſon was capitally convicted. — On ſaturday the aſſizes ended at Chelmsford, when a Black was capitally convicted for felony and burglary. *D P. D J.*

Harwich, Mar. 2. Laſt night about ſix, a gentleman came to an inn in this town, and ſent a porter to buy him ſix ſhirts, and ſeveral other things, and particularly a black bob periwig: he refreſhed himſelf for about an hour, and then went on board a veſſel that was ready to ſail to Dunkirk, and appears to be Henry Gambier, by the deſcription given of him in ſeveral news papers. *P.*—— *Thus a* broker *becomes a* gentleman.

Laſt wedneſday died Geo Hearne Eſq; at his ſeat in Lancoſhire, poſſeſſed of an eſtate of 4000 l. per ann. —— On thurſday at Nottingham, Sir Will. Smithſon Bar. who formerly repreſented that county, and is ſaid to have died worth 50,000 l. *P.* — On ſunday at Cheſhunt in Hertfordſhire, John Glover Eſq; formerly an eminent Hamburgh merchant. *C.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 7. Sarah Malcomb, being attended yeſterday by the miniſter of Little S. Bartholomew's, declared ſhe would die in the communion of the church of England; but continues obſtinate in her denial of the murders. *D A.*

Mr. John Thompſon has a week's time given him, to give in a general account in writing of the tranſactions of the charitable corporation. *D J.* — A particular, *not* a general account, *is wanting.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

THO' we have often refuſed, tho' offered a gratuity, to inſert puffs in recommendation of books; yet we could not refuſe to publiſh *gratis* the following *Contents* of the *Life of that eminent comedian* ROBERT WILKS Eſq; written by a much greater comedian; and of which the world has not taken that notice which it deſerves.

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EPIGRAM.

TO MALCOLM G——Y cries, confeſs the murther;
The truth diſcloſe, and trouble me no further.
Think on both worlds: the pain which thou muſt bear
In that, and what a load of ſcandal here.
Confeſs; confeſs; and you'll avoid it all.
Your body ſha' n't be hack'd at Surgeon's hall:
No Grub-ſtreet hack ſhall dare to uſe your ghoſt ill;
H——Y ſhall read upon your poſt a *poſtill*;
H——TH tranſmit your charms to future times;
And C——L record your *Life* in proſe and rimes.
SARAH replies, Theſe arguments might do,
From H——TH, C——L, and H——Y, drawn by you;
Were I condemn'd at Padington to ride.
But now from Fleet-ſtreet PEDINGTON's my guide.

DACTYL.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 1.—*Paris, Feb.* 23. The ten counſellors of the parliament of Aix have publiſhed their *rationes conſultandi*, or the grounds upon which they voted for burning father Girard the Jeſuite; which, according to general report, is a fine piece. *C.*

Amſterdam, Mar. 6. Prince Lubomirski, palatine of Cracovia, has ſeized upon the caſtle, and made himſelf maſter of that city. *DA.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 2.—*Naples, Feb.* 10. By the earthquake Nov. 29 in Calabria, 1940 perſons periſhed, and 1455 were wounded. The cities and villages of Ariano, Fiumari, Villata, Lioni, and S. Angelo were entirely deſtroyed. ——On the 29th paſt, at Matera they felt a ſhock of an earthquake, accompanied with a frightful noiſe in the air. *C. DP.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 3.—*Paris, Mar.* 7. On the 5th was publiſhed an ordinance, whereby all perſons pretending to be ſeized with convulſions, are forbid to make publick ſhews of themſelves, or to ſuffer any concourſe in their houſes or chambers, upon pain of impriſonment, and of being proſecuted as impoſtors. *C. P.* — *I fear no* reſtorer of ancient elocution *will venture to* make a public ſhew of *himſelf there.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 5.—*Hague, Jan.* 20. Private advices ſay, that the French are fitting out 20 men of war, beſides other veſſels capable of taking 8000 land-forces on board, with artillery and bombs of all ſizes. They ſay this ſquadron, being joined by the Spaniards, will go and chaſtiſe the Algerines, for taking ſome French ſhips, &c.—They write from Vienna, that in a great council of war, it was reſolved to form three armies of obſervation; one in Sileſia, another in Italy, and the third upon the Rhine. P.—The body of troops to be formed on the frontiers of Poland, will conſiſt of 13,000 men. *DP. DJ.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 6. There is now no room to doubt of an alliance between France and Spain. It is ſaid to be offenſive and defenſive; and that in conſequence of it, a ſquadron of 22 men of war is fitting out, tho' the pretence is to curb the inſolence of the Barbarians, They talk alſo of forming an army of 60,000 men upon the Rhine early in the ſpring. The French court is highly incenſed againſt the king of Sardinia, who has ſubſcribed to an act of guaranty of *the pragmatic ſanction*: and we are told there is another court comprized in this treaty, as guarantee with the emperor of the king of Sardinia's poſſeſſions. *P.*

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